

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN BETTY LOU KASTEN**, on February 5, 1999  
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 108 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Betty Lou Kasten, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Chuck Swysgood, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)  
Rep. John Cobb (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)  
Sen. Mignon Waterman (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Delila Croucher, Committee Secretary  
Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Branch  
Lorene Thorson, Legislative Branch  
Bob Andersen, OBPP

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and  
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s): Child Services Enforcement  
Division; Public Testimony;  
Managed Care

Executive Action: Managed Care

Rep. Billie Krenzler spoke to the Committee on LC1399 and  
encouraged their support.

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Mary Ann Wellbank with the Child Support Enforcement Division spoke to the Committee about the contract for customer service with Maximus. **EXHIBIT(jhh29a01)**

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Joyce Barnes, the manager of the Child Support Enforcement Customer Service Office, spoke to the Committee about the role of the CSED service office. Employee demands, turnover rates, benefits, case loads and training procedures were discussed with the Committee. **EXHIBIT(jhh29a02) EXHIBIT(jhh29a03) EXHIBIT(jhh29a04) EXHIBIT(jhh29a05) EXHIBIT(jhh29a06) EXHIBIT(jhh29a07)**

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Lorene Thorson gave an overview of the LFD Issues and Mary Ann Wellbank gave the division response to those issues. Present Law Adjustments as well as New Proposal requests were discussed. The Committee asked questions as they came up. **EXHIBIT(jhh29a08)**

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Rod Brown addressed the Committee on behalf of the division. Letters of disapproval of the division were discussed.

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**INFORMATIONAL HEARING ON MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS PLAN**

Laurie Ekanger spoke to the Governor's Proposal on MHAP.

**EXHIBIT(jhh29a09)**

**{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16.3 - 27.8}**

Steve Niemi was on hand to answer questions on behalf of Magellan.

The Committee engaged in a discussion of state hospital issues. Dan Anderson responded to questions of a co-pay system. Provider satisfaction and provider input were discussed as well as the Departments contingency plan. **{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27.8 - Tape : 2; Side : Side B; Approx. Time Counter : 17.1}**

Lois Steinbeck addressed the Committee with options for the subcommittees consideration regarding the Mental Health Access Plan. **EXHIBIT(jhh29a10)**

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The Committee discussed overpopulation, funding for the State hospitals, effects on non-medicaid population, ways to enforce contract agreements and current rates for hospital visits.

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The Committee discussed the effects of contract cancellation as well as the effects cancellation would have on the budget. The Committee addressed table 26 in the Budget Analysis.

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The Committee addressed the Western Montana Mental Health Center relationship with Magellan. Steve Niemi answered questions regarding payment to the Center.

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**EXHIBIT**(jhh29a11)

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. WATERMAN moved that **THE COMMITTEE SEEK LEGAL ADVISE ON OPTIONS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO CANCEL THE MHAP CONTRACT.** Motion carried 4-2 with Kasten and Swysgood voting no. The Committee specifically requested that Greg Petesch, Director of the Legal Services Bureau of the Legislative Services Division, address the Committee on legal actions to implement the motion.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:49 A.M.

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REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN, Chairman

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DELILA CROUCHER, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (jhh29aad)